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LONDON FOR NELSON

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, UN

SUBJ: INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE RED CROSS

REF: LONDON 11997

OTHER THINGS BEING EQUAL, AND LEAVING CONSIDERATIONS  
OF PURELY RED CROSS NATURE ASIDE, WE WOULD LIKE TO  
SUGGEST THAT RELEVANT CONSIDERATION RE IMPACT OF POSSIBLE  
POSTPONEMENT OF TEHRAN CONFERENCE ON GENEVA  
DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE ON HUMANITARIAN LAW IS EXPECTED  
SWEDISH INITIATIVE ON WEAPONS (SEE STOCKHOLM 3257 AND  
3522). POSTPONEMENT OF TEHRAN CONFERENCE  
WOULD DEPRIVE BLIX OF IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY TO  
INFLUENCE SUBSTANTIVE OUTCOME OF GENEVA CONFERENCE.  
OF COURSE, IF DEPRIVED OF TEHRAN FORUM, BLIX IS  
LIKELY TO FOCUS HIS WEAPONS INITIATIVE ON THE UNGA.  
HOWEVER, WE ESTIMATE THAT BLIX LIKELY TO ACHIEVE TROUBLESOME  
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PARA OR PARAS IN UNGA LEGAL COMITE RES ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN

ARMED CONFLICTS IN ANY EVENT, AND WE CONSIDER THAT UNGA  
RES WOULD HAVE LESS DAMAGING IMPACT ON GENEVA CONFERENCE THAN  
WOULD TEHRAN RES. MORE GENERALLY, AS USG DOES NOT DESIRE  
THAT THERE BE ANY SUBSTANTIVE CONSIDERATION OF NEW ICRC  
DRAFT PROTOCOLS AT TEHRAN (ALTHOUGH USDEL WOULD USE THE  
CONFERENCE AS A LOBBYING OPPORTUNITY), WE SEE NO DAMAGE  
THAT COULD COME TO GENEVA CONFERENCE BY FAILURE OF TEHRAN  
ICRC CONFERENCE TO GIVE TRATIONAL BLESSING TO TEXTS.  
NOR DO WE EXPECT THERE SHOULD BE GREAT CONCERN ABOUT LACK  
OF FORUM FOR COMMENTS BY NATIONAL RED CROSS SOCIETIES  
AS SOCIETIES CAN ALWAYS PROVIDE THEIR COMMENTS DIRECTLY TO  
GOVERNMENTS OF THEIR COUNTRIES.  
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